

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): In a toner agitating device for feeding air from air feeding means to an inside of a toner container storing powdery toner to thereby agitate said powdery toner, said air feeding means comprises at least one variable air pump capable of varying an amount of air to be fed for a unit time based on an amount of toner in the toner container.

Claim 2 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the toner has circularity of 0.96 to 1 as measured by FPIA.

Claim 3 (Original): In a toner agitating device for feeding air from air feeding means to an inside of a toner container storing powdery toner to thereby agitate said powdery toner, said air feeding means comprises a plurality of air pumps unable to vary an amount of air to be fed for a unit time and each being provided with a particular flow rate.

Claim 4 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the toner has circularity of 0.96 to 1 as measured by FPIA.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A toner conveying device comprising:
a toner agitating device configured to feed air from air feeding means to an inside of a toner container storing powdery toner to thereby agitate said powdery toner; and
a ~~power~~ pump configured to suck the toner from the toner container, which is agitated by said toner agitating device, to thereby convey said toner to an outside of said toner container;

wherein said air feeding means comprises at least one variable air pump capable of varying an amount of air to be fed for a unit time based on an amount of toner in the toner container.

Claim 6 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein a volatile memory, allowing data representative of an amount of the toner conveyed by said device to be written thereto, is mounted on the toner container, which is removable.

Claim 7 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the toner has circularity of 0.96 to 1 as measured by FPIA.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A toner conveying device comprising:
a toner agitating device configured to feed air from air feeding means to an inside of a toner container storing powdery toner to thereby agitate said powdery toner; and
a ~~power~~ pump configured to suck the toner from the toner container, which is agitated by said toner agitating device, to thereby convey said toner to an outside of said toner container;

wherein said air feeding means comprises a plurality of air pumps unable to vary an amount of air to be fed for a unit time and each being configured to feed air at a particular flow rate.

Claim 9 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein a volatile memory, allowing data representative of an amount of the toner conveyed by said device to be written thereto, is mounted on the toner container, which is removable.

Claim 10 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the toner has circularity of 0.96 to 1 as measured by FPIA.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): An electrophotographic image forming apparatus comprising:

a toner conveying device comprising a toner agitating device configured to feed air from air feeding means to an inside of a toner container storing powdery toner to thereby agitate said powdery toner, and a power pump configured to suck said powdery toner from said toner container, which is agitated by said toner agitating device, to thereby convey said powdery toner to an outside of said toner container, said air feeding means comprising at least one variable air pump capable of varying an amount of air to be fed for a unit time based on an amount of toner in the toner container; and

an image forming section including a developing device configured to receive the toner conveyed by said toner conveying device.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An electrophotographic image forming apparatus comprising:

a toner conveying device including a toner agitating device configured to feed air from air feeding means to an inside of a toner container storing powdery toner to thereby agitate said powdery toner, and a ~~power~~ pump configured to suck said powdery toner from said toner container, which is agitated by said toner agitating device, to thereby convey said powdery toner to an outside of said toner container, said air feeding means comprising a plurality of air pumps unable to vary an amount of air to be fed for a unit time and each being configured to feed air at a particular flow rate; and

an image forming section including a developing device configured to receive the toner conveyed by said toner conveying device.